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Remarks

The application has been amended to include references to related priority applications and the claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies prior to examination.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The examination and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX: VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 28. (Amended) Paints, binders or thickeners for paints, adhesives, textile coatings, carpet backings or construction materials comprising an aqueous dispersion of polymeric particles according to [any one of claims 25 to 27] claim 25.
- 29. (Amended) Use of an aqueous dispersion of polymeric particles according to [any one of claims 25 to 27] claim 25 as a sole combined thickener/binder for a paint.

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